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SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCHEON, MAY 24, 1977

SUMMARY: AT THEIR REGULAR LUNCHEON ON MAY 24, NATO PERM-
REPS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

1. ALLIANCE STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS.
2. THE PRESIDENT'S MAY 22 NOTRE DAME SPEECH.

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3. US BRIEFING ON SALT.
 4. MBFR.
 5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NATO EXERCISES.
- END SUMMARY.

1. ALLIANCE STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS:

AT REQUEST OF SYG LUNS, WITH WHOM AMBASSADOR HAD PREVIOUSLY SPOKEN REGARDING EAST-WEST STUDY, AMBASSADOR OUTLINED THE US SCENARIO FOR EARLY COUNCIL ACTION ON THE STUDY (STATE 119116-DTG 240044Z MAY 77-NOTAL AND USNATO 03278-DTG 131942Z MAY 77-NOTAL). PERMREPS TACITLY ACCEPTED CHARGING THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRAFTING THE REPORT, AND IT SEEMED CLEAR FROM GENERAL COMMENTS THAT NOT MUCH WOULD GO FORWARD UNTIL INITIAL US CONTRIBUTION WAS RECEIVED. TINE (FRANCE) STRESSED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND MILITARY INITIATIVES RESULTING FROM THE NATO SUMMIT AND DPC MINISTERIAL. HARDY (CANADA) NOTED THE DESIRABILITY OF DEFINING THE WORD "IMPLICATIONS" IN THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR THE ALLIANCE TO ANALYZE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR IT OF FUTURE TRENDS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS, EASTERN EUROPE, AND THE SOVIET UNION. SVART (DENMARK) URGED THAT THE STUDY START WITH AS FEW PREMISES AS POSSIBLE.

2. THE PRESIDENT'S MAY 22 NOTRE DAM SPEECH:

SEVERAL PERMREPS WERE TROUBLED BY THE TENOR OF SOME EUROPEAN PRESS REPORTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S SOUTH BEND SPEECH, PARTICULARLY TO REFERENCES OUT OF CONTEXT SUGGESTING THAT NATO IS OUTDATED. THEY WERE AFRAID THIS WOULD GIVE ALLIED PUBLICS A WRONG IMPRESSION. KIRCA (TURKEY) COMMENTED THAT THE SPEECH ASSISTS THOSE IN SECRET

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TURKEY WHO ARE AGAINST NATO IN A PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE TURKISH ELECTIONS AND AIDS THOSE WHO ARE FOR NEUTRALITY. DE FREITAS CRUZ (PORTUGAL) SECONDED KIRCA'S SENTIMENT. THE AMBASSADOR URGED HIS COLLEAGUES TO READ THE SPEECH IN ITS ENTIRELY, RATHER THAN RELY ON PRESS REPORTS, BEFORE EXPRESSING CONCERNS. HE POINTED OUT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE SPEECH, UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN AMERICAN LIFE AND OUR WORLD VIEW, AND SUGGESTED THAT, IN LIGHT OF PROFOUND AND FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES GOING ON IN TODAY'S WORLD, WHAT SOME MIGHT TERM IDEALISM COULD WITH EQUAL REASON BE DESCRIBED AS A NEW REALISM ON THE PART OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND USG. HE RECALLED LONDON SUMMIT AND REITERATED THE PRESIDENT'S MANIFEST COMMITMENT TO THE ALLIANCE. (COMMENT: TEST OF MAY 22 SPEECH WAS NOT RECEIVED AT USNATO UNTIL NOON, MAY 24, WHICH PREVENTED ITS DISTRIBUTION TO PERMREPS BEFORE WEEKLY INFORMAL MEETING ON TUESDAY. FULL TEXT WAS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL DELEGATIONS AND TO IS EARLY AFTERNOON MAY 24.)

3. US BRIEFING ON SALT: WHILE WELCOMING THE MAY 23 US BRIEFING ON SALT BY AMBASSADOR WARNKE, SEVERAL PERMREPS, INCLUDING HARDY (CANADA) AND BOSS (FRG CHARGE), REGRETTED DECISION TO HOLD A RESTRICTED SESSION LIMITED TO AMBASSADORS ONLY FOLLOWING THE INITIAL SESSION INVOLVING AMBASSADOR PLUS TWO. (COMMENT: A NUMBER OF PERMREPS ARE CLEARLY UNCOMFORTABLE DEALING WITH TECHNICAL QUESTIONS RELATED TO SALT AND WOULD PREFER TO BE BACKED-UP BY A MEMBER OF THEIR DELEGATIONS. WE THUS RECOMMEND THAT, IF POS-

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SIBLE, FUTURE RESTRICTED SESSIONS ON SALT INVOLVE PERMREPS PLUS ONE. END COMMENT.)

4. MBFR: PERMREPS AGREED TO THE JUNE 17 DATE, PRO-

POSED BY THE AHG, FOR THE NEXT AHG BRIEFING OF THE NAC.

5. DECISIONS RELATED TO NATO EXERCISES: NOTING THAT DETAILED PLANNING FOR HILEX 8 WAS SOON TO BEGIN, HARTOGH (NETHERLANDS) POINTED OUT THAT AT THE MARCY 18 DPC (USNATO 1567, DTG 190942Z MAR 77) AND LATER MEETINGS (USNATO 2134 DTG 131548Z APR 77) PERMREPS HAD AGREED TO CONSIDER QUESTION TO TIMING OF AND PARTICIPATION IN HIGH-LEVEL EXERCISES. HE SUGGESTED THAT PERMREPS MEET SOON FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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POSE PRIOR TO THE EXPENDITURE OF EXTENSIVE EFFORT AT THE WORKING LEVEL WHICH MIGHT BE OBIATED BY A NEGATIVE DECISION ON HILES 8. (COMMENT: DETAILED PLANNING FOR HILEX 8 BEGAN MAY 24.) BENNETT

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